

AMERICANS GAIN IN FRENCH PUSH

Seize Heights Overlooking La Haye; Canadians Capture Carpiquet.

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To support both the Canadian and the American attacks over rain had grounded the planes most of yesterday.

Yank Attack Heights

Bradley's American forces, after capturing the full northeast of La Haye, began closing in on two other heights dominating the western Normandy stronghold. Once these have been captured, the Germans were expected to fall back five miles to the south for a new stand along the Ay river.

Under attack were German-held points 2½ and a half miles northwest of La Haye, and a ridge east southeast of the town, formerly Nazi headquarters for the western half of the Normandy front.

The Americans were slogging ahead through deep mud all along a 20-mile irregular front from a point southwest of Carentan to the west coast in the vicinity of St. Lo D'Ourville, headquarters spokesman said, collecting a previous announcement that the offensive front was 40 miles wide.

Drenching rains that hampered the Americans in the initial stages of their advance lifted somewhat last evening.

Seawall Aids Enemy

Front dispatches said the Americans were making slow but steady progress in the coastal area, where pillboxes, foxholes and the west coast seawall gave the enemy an opportunity for a "Tobruk" defense.

The Germans still had not mounted a counter-attack though they were known to have at least five divisions facing the Americans, the 77th, 91st and 243d infantry, the 17th panzer grenadiers, and the 3d paratroops.

At the opposite end of the front, British forces widened the base of the Evreux salient southwest of Caen and improved their positions southeast of Bauray and west of Granville, where the enemy had been counter-attacking futilely in an attempt to nip off the Evreux wedge.

150 JAPS KILLED IN 'HELL'S POCKET' TRAP

WITH U. S. FORCES, Saipan, June 28 (Delayed (U. P.))—At least one group of Japanese found Hell's Pocket on the southeast slope of Mt. Tapochau about the hottest spot on Saipan.

The contingent of about 150 enemy officers and men was caught like chickens on a roost and wiped out in 15 minutes by four army medium tanks which slipped behind the Japanese lines.

An army major said the tanks just had nosed over a hill when they saw the Japanese troops marching up the road ahead of them toward the battle front.

Japs Slaughtered

"The tanks roared down the hill, with machineguns and cannon blazing," he said. "The Japs were marching in close column formation and our guns slaughtered them. It was a bloody mess."

One of the tankmen described the scene as "Gunner's Paradise", and said "it was just like shooting chickens on a roost."

The pocket, covering an area 500 yards wide and 1500 yards long, is where U. S. marines and soldiers met desperate resistance from the Japanese in the underbrush, cliffs, caves and ridges.

Mrs. Somervell Guest Here



REPORT YANKS LAND IN BONINS

Tokyo Says Carrier Task Force Supports Invasion

North of Marianas.

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parently in good condition, foreshadows serial neutralization of the nearby Japanese base of Manokwari, described by pilots as having anti-aircraft defenses second only to those of Sorabala in the Dutch island area.

It's Biggest Gain Yet

The drive through the central and northern sections of Garapan, the administrative center of Saipan, by the 2d marine division, which also holds the surrounding hills climaxed the biggest leap forward made in any single phase of the battle for the island.

Along the beaches outside Garapan, U. S. planes strafed Japs flying helter skelter. Thousands of Nipponese civilians preceded the troops in their flight from the blazing city, bombed and battered into a mass of ruins.

BERLIN ADMITS POLOTSK'S LOSS

Russ By-Pass City Following Capture of Minsk

Drive Toward Latvia.

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reported, Gen. Ivan D. Cherniakovsky's tanks and cavalry of the 3d White Russian army were speeding westward from 110 miles of East Prussia in close pursuit of beaten enemy forces who abandoned Minsk after only token resistance.

The exact locale of the advance was not given in dispatches, but it was presumed to be in the vicinity of the by-passed railway junction of Molodechno, 45 miles northwest of Minsk. Street fighting was under way in Molodechno and its fall also was expected by Moscow within a matter of hours.

Cherniakovsky's forces also were pushing southward behind Minsk for a junction with Marshal Konstantin R. Rokossovsky's 1st White Russian army in an attempt to encircle the fleeing remnants of the Minsk garrison, the 1st and 3d armies together liberated Minsk yesterday.

Hartman Stand

Rokossovsky sent other spearheads to within 25 miles northeast of the famed Baranowice gap through the Pripyat marshes, 75 miles southwest of Minsk on the Moscow-Warsaw railway.

Moscow dispatches said there was a possibility that the Germans would attempt a stand with reinforcements along a line based on the powerful fortresses of Daugavpils, Wilno, Grodno, Bialystok and Brest-Litovsk, but military observers there saw little prospect that the enemy could halt the Soviet avalanche anywhere in White Russia.

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Mrs. White Loses Keepsake With \$56,000 in Diamonds

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What hurts me is losing that. It with me," Mrs. White said today. "I put my purse—it was a black Milan straw one—on the settee by the phone. Then I made the call—it couldn't have taken a minute."

"When I turned to pick up my purse it was gone, just like that. I saw two women going up the stairway and I ran to them and said, 'Have you seen anything of my purse?' They said they hadn't and went on."

"In the purse were a diamond bracelet Mrs. White valued at \$25,000, rings valued at \$12,000 and \$2000 and brooches valued at \$3000 and \$8000."

"It was the smaller ring that was mother's," she said. "It had two stones, each diamond was about a one-half, and some emeralds.

Kit 89c

To take the place of rubber pants. Absorbent, not tightly knit, they minimize scalding, can be sterilized by boiling. Soaker kit contains white yarn for two soakers, pink or blue yarn for trimming, instructions for knitting.

Art Needlework, Fifth Floor

L. S. AYRES & CO.

Hoosier Heroes: Lt. Greig, Sgt. Barrett and Pvt. Keith Killed; Col. Hulett and Pfc. Northern Are Wounded

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SECOND LT. ALFRED F. GREIG JR., 22-year-old navigator who has been missing in action since May 4, 1943, is now listed as killed, according to a war department notification received by his father, Alfred F. Greig, 1234 N. Tacoma ave.

The young airman, who was the lead navigator for his squadron based in Africa, was returning from a bombing mission on Blerize last May when the plane was forced down in the Mediterranean because of a storm. He was on his 12th mission and had been awarded the air medal and two oak leaf clusters.

A native of Indianapolis, Lt. Greig attended St. Phillip's Neri grade school, was graduated from Cathedral high school and attended Butler university. He entered the army in January, 1942, and after training at Maxwell field, Montgomery, Ala., he received his commission and navigator's wings at Turner field, Albany, Ga., in August, 1942. He went overseas in February, 1943.

Other survivors are two brothers, Pvt. James Greig of Camp Blanding, Fla.; Radioman 2d Class Jerome Greig, New York City, and a sister, Miss Barbara Joan Greig, Indianapolis.

Pvt. ROBERT A. KEITH, 19-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Ervin L. Keith, 3459 N. Guilford ave., was killed in action June 9 in France.

An infantryman, he had been in the army since Sept. 25, 1943, and overseas since March 21. He received his training at Camp Van Dorn, Miss.

He attended Washington high school and worked at the Continental Optical Co. and for his father in the Keith Shade Co. before he entered the service.

He was an honorary member of Boy Scout troop 42 and a member of Wayne post 64, Sons of the American Legion.

He is also survived by a sister, Mrs. Leona Bernice Moore, Indianapolis.

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